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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/652,968

Confirmation No. : 4756

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

Filed : August 31, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 501082.13

Art Unit : 2815

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Jose R. Diaz

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

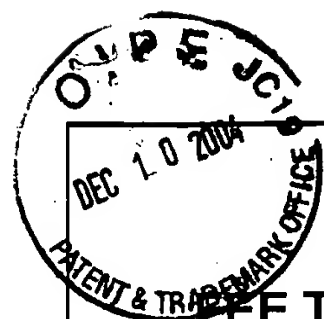
Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 22, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.



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FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FOR FY 2004)

Complete if Known

Application No.	09/652,968
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First Named Inventor	Vishnu K. Agarwal
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

2. ☒ Check Enclosed

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1001	790	2001	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee
1002	350	2002	170	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee
1003	550	2003	265	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Filing Fee
1004	790	2004	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
1005	160	2005	80	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee
Subtotal (1)			\$ 0	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	- 20	=	x \$	= \$ 0
Ind.	- 3	=	x \$	= \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$
Subtotal (2)			\$ 0	

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1201	88	2201	44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1203	300	2203	150	Multiple dependent Claim
1204	88	2204	44	Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	\$
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	\$
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For Filing a Request for <i>ex parte</i> Reexamination	\$
1804	920	1804	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	1,840	1805	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	430	2252	215	Extension for reply within 2 nd month	\$
1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within 3 rd month	\$
1254	1,530	2254	765	Extension for reply within 4 th month	\$
1255	2,080	2255	1,040	Extension for reply within 5 th month	\$
1401	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	340	2402	170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	300	2403	150	Request for oral hearing	\$
1814	110	2814	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$ 110
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453	1,370	2453	685	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501	1,370	2501	685	Utility/Reissue issue fee	\$
1502	490	2502	245	Design issue fee	\$
1503	660	2503	330	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	\$
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of IDS	\$
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$

Other fee (specify)

Subtotal (3) \$110

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